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DEAREST MOTHER & DADDY:

TO-DAY I RECEIVED THE LETTER YOU SENT ME THAT YOU GOT FROM THE LT. THAT KNEW BERT. SURE HAD SOME GOOD NEWS IN IT. I BELIEVE, IF BERT REALLY IS NOW IN JAPAN, THAT HE WILL GET MUCH BETTER TREATMENT, BETTER FOOD, AND MUCH BETTER MEDICAL ATTENTION. THEY HAVE MUCH BETTER FACILITIES THERE THAN ON THE PHILLIPPINES. RIGHT?

YOUR SON WAS APPOINTED HEADQUARTERS PLATOON SGT. TO-DAY, WITH 32 MEN UNDER HIM. MAZALTOFF!! THAT IS IN ADDITION TO MY OTHER DUTIES AS RECONNAISANCE SERGEANT. IT'S A BIG RESPONSIBILITY, AND A LOT OF WORK. I HAVE

BEEN WANTING THE JOB SINCE I LEFT THE STATES, AND SURE AM HAPPY TO GET IT. I DIDN'T THINK MY NEW C.O. LIKED ME, BUT SEEING THAT HE PICKED ME FOR THE JOB OVER MANY OTHERS, I GUESS HE KNOWS I CAN DO THE JOB. RIGHT. ANYWAY, I AM GOING TO WORK HARD AND GET THIS PLATOON ON THE BALL AND STAY ON THE BALL. I'LL HAVE TO BE ON MY TOES ALL OF THE TIME!

~~I HO~~ JUST CAME OF GUARD, 8-9 P.M., AND HAD A NICE SNACK. ONE OF THE 4 BOYS IN MY TENT HAD SOME GOOD SARDINES, AND WITH

SOME "C" RATION BISCUITS, JAM AND A CAN OF PEANUTS (NO ROOT-BEER, THOUGH) WE HAD A BIT OF BAGOOSE EATS. RIGHT?

TOMORROW WE MOVE TO A NEW AREA, NEAR HERE, THAT MEANS ALL OF THAT BUILDING UP AGAIN, TENT FRAMES, PILL-BOXES, ET AL.

I REALLY SACKED THEM ON THE RADIO DEAL. MY TENT DON'T HAVE A RADIO, SO I RAN A WIRE, HOOKED TO THE RADIO, TO MY TENT, PUT A PHONE ON IT, AND NOW I CAN LAY IN BED AND LISTEN TO THE MUSIC AND NEWS. JUST HEARD MAC ARTHUR MADE A NEW LANDING ON CEBU.

IN THE PHILIPPINES AND
THAT WILL ABSOLUTELY BE
THE END OF THIS WAR.

BE GOOD AND WRITE
SOON!

LOVE
Harold